

The following act of Congress is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

AN ACT to prevent and punish fraud on the part of officers intrusted with making of contracts for the government.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of War, of the Secretary of the Navy, and of the Secretary of the Interior, immediately after the passage of this act, to cause

GENERAL ORDERS, }

WAR DEPARTMENT,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

No. 56. }

Washington, May 29, 1862.

Officers serving in the Quartermaster's Department will issue to signal parties of the Army serving in their vicinity, such supplies as may be necessary for their proper equipment, on the requisition of the officer in charge of such parties.

Rations will be issued to signal parties in like manner by officers of the Commissary Department.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

L. THOMAS,

*Adjutant General.*

OFFICIAL:

*Assistant Adjutant General.*